

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:188

ANSWERED ON:11.12.2008

PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any special scheme to promote tourism in the North Eastern (N.E.) Region including Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial assistance provided during the last three years and the current year for the purpose;and

(d) the steps being taken to develop infrastructural facilities in the N.E.Region including Sikkim?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT.AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d):A Statement is laid on Table of the Sabha

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.188 ANSWERED ON 11.12.2008 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

(a) to (d): The development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves.However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance on the basis of project proposals received from the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations that are complete in all respect as per scheme guidelines,based on inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head every year under the following schemes.

(i) Product / Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits

(ii) Fairs and festivals/ Events

(iii) Information Technology

The Financial assistance provided during the last three years and the current year for various tourism projects in the North East is given as under:

S. NO.	NAME OF THE STATE	AMOUNT SANCTIONED (Rs.in lakhs)
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	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
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1.Arunachal Pradesh	2063.18	1980.30	3330.12	2102.42
2.Assam	2125.00	2453.39	1271.90	1321.97
3.Manipur	57.30		939.35	1110.77 5.72
4.Meghalaya	5.00		1435.29	674.40 1238.54
5.Mizoram	1614.41	2613.38	1692.94	318.33
6.Nagaland	1733.97	2340.32	2066.74	2410.46
7.Sikkim	2712.89	2609.42	5554.65	5772.93
8.Tripura	711.33		291.27	1050.76 360.94
Total		11023.08	14662.72	16752.28 13531.31